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LOK SABHA

The following Bill was introduced in Lok Sabha on the 20th November, 1959:—

BILL NO. 81 OF 1959

A Bill to confer on the President the power of the Legislature of the State of Kerala to make laws.

BE it enacted by Parliament in the Tenth Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. This Act may be called the Kerala State Legislature (Delegation of Powers) Act, 1959. Short title.
2. In this Act, "Proclamation" means the Proclamation issued on the 31st day of July, 1959, by the President under article 356 of the Constitution. Definition.
3. (1) The power of the Legislature of the State of Kerala to make laws, which has been declared by the Proclamation to be exercisable by or under the authority of Parliament, is hereby conferred on the President. Conferment on the President of the power of the State Legislature to make laws.
- (2) In the exercise of the said power, the President may, from time to time, whether Parliament is or is not in session, enact as a President's Act a Bill containing such provisions as he considers necessary:
- 15 Provided that before enacting any such Act, the President shall, whenever he considers it practicable to do so, consult a committee constituted for the purpose, consisting of,—
 - (a) thirty members of the House of the People nominated by the Speaker among whom shall be included all members

who for the time being fill the seats allotted to the State of Kerala in that House; and

(b) fifteen members of the Council of States nominated by the Chairman among whom shall be included all members who for the time being fill the seats allotted to the State of Kerala in that House. 5

(3) Every Act enacted by the President under sub-section (2) shall, as soon as may be after enactment, be laid before each House of Parliament.

(4) Either House of Parliament may, by resolution passed within seven days from the date on which the Act has been laid before it under sub-section (3), direct any modifications to be made in the Act, and, if the modifications are agreed to by the other House of Parliament during the session in which the Act has been so laid before it or the session succeeding, such modifications shall be given effect to by the President by enacting an amending Act under sub-section (2): 15

Provided that nothing in this sub-section shall affect the validity of the Act or of any action taken thereunder before it is so amended.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Under the Proclamation of the President dated the 31st July, 1959, the powers of the Legislature of the Kerala State are now exercisable by or under the authority of Parliament. Such legislative measures as may be necessary for the State can be taken up by Parliament only by postponing its business and even then, it is likely that Parliament may not have the time to deal with all legislative measures for the State. It is therefore, proposed that Parliament should, in accordance with the provisions of article 357(1) of the Constitution, confer by law on the President the power of the Legislature of the State of Kerala to make laws for the State.

The present Bill is intended to give effect to this proposal.

NEW DELHI;

G. B. PANT.

The 16th November, 1959.

M. N. KAUL,
Secretary.

